



BOMB WRECKS A DWELLING

Probably Meant for James L. Gallagher

WITNESS IN GRAFT CASE

The Bomb Had Been Placed in the Porch of William E. Scheneck's House

BOY HIT BY FLYING MISSILE

So Quickly Did the News Spread That 2000 Persons Were on the Premises Within a Few Moments—No Arrests Have Yet Been Made.

OAKLAND, Cal., April 22.—What is believed by the police to have been an attempt to assassinate James L. Gallagher, one of the main witnesses in the San Francisco graft cases, occurred shortly after 7 o'clock tonight at the home of William E. Scheneck, his brother-in-law, at East 20th street and 19th avenue, East Oakland, when a huge bomb placed in the porch tore away the whole front of the house. Gallagher was upstairs with his wife at the time and Scheneck was in a rear room with his wife and four children and Dr. Guy Brown. All escaped but one boy who was hit in the neck by a flying missile. That none were killed was but little short of a miracle. Gallagher's hat was pierced by a splinter. The house was completely wrecked. The report was heard all over Oakland and many windows in the neighborhood were broken. A post belonging to the porch was hurled 100 feet away. So quickly did the news spread that 2000 people were on the premises in a few moments. The ex-supervisor was spied in the crowd and some one remarked, "I guess that was meant for you."

"Yes, I guess it was," replied Gallagher, "but they missed me."

A man was seen running down 19th street a few moments before the explosion but up to a late hour tonight no arrests have been made by the police.

Chief of Detectives Peterson made a careful inspection of the demolished house and had a long talk with Gallagher afterward. But little light could be thrown on the matter. Late tonight Gallagher went to San Francisco and went into hiding for the night.

FAMOUS TENNIS PLAYER.

NEW YORK, April 22.—Jay Gould, who recently added to his laurels in the tennis court the acquisition of the gold racquet by his third victory in the Tuxedo tournament will be among the men of the Olympic team which will compete in the Olympic games at London this summer. He has sent his entry to James E. Sullivan, secretary of the Olympic Committee.

SPEEDY VERDICT.

Jury Out 35 Minutes Bring in a Verdict of First Degree of Murder.

OAKLAND, Cal., April 22.—Mark A. Wilkins, who is on trial charged with murdering Vernie Carmin, of Springfield, Mo., his putative wife, at Elmhurst, last October, was found guilty of murder in the first degree without a recommendation this afternoon after the jury had been out 30 minutes. Wilkins was unaffected by the verdict.

PASSED THREE BILLS

Instructs Attorney-General to Commence Suits for Grant of Land.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—The summary of today's proceedings in the House was the passing under a suspension of the rules of three bills and the defeat of one. When adjournment was reached there was pending a measure which instructs the attorney-general to institute suits against the Oregon and California Railroad Company for the forfeiture of several million acres of land grants in the State of Oregon.

The bills that go through were as follows: Declaring the right to enter as oil lands certain mineral lands, authorizing the alienation of certain allotments of five civilized tribes and removing the restrictions against foreign ships with respect to trade between the United States and the Philippines. By a large majority the bill to allow the importation of foreign white laborers into Hawaii was defeated.

LOST OLD BIBLE.

HELENA, Mont., April 22.—Miss Anna Pearson, whose home at Hawser Lake was washed away by the breaking of the dam last week offers a reward for a Bible printed in 1703 and which was given to her ancestors in Sweden by an European king 205 years ago. The Bible has been handed down from generation to generation for over two centuries.

ROADS MAPPED OUT

Oregon Electric Company to Build Interurban Roads

CONSTRUCTION BEGINS TODAY

They Have Filed Supplementary Articles With the State to Increase the Capital Stock From Two to Ten Million Dollars.

PORTLAND, April 22.—An announcement made today simultaneously with the increase of the capital stock of the Oregon Electric Co., from \$2,000,000 to \$10,000,000 that the company will begin tomorrow actual construction on the first of the 283 miles of extensions branches and laterals to the Portland Salem Electric Line which was placed in operation within the last few weeks. The roads mapped out are: Portland to Tillamook, via Hillsboro, Portland to Eugene, via Corvallis, Salem to Mill City, Salem to Dallas, Salem to Albany and Albany to Cascadia. The supplementary articles of incorporation necessary to increase were filed today in the office of the county clerk of Multnomah county, Oregon. Guy W. Talbot, Edward Cookingham, James B. Kerr and George F. Nevins are the nominal incorporators all signing the new articles. The road is backed by Moffat and White, the bankers of New York City. Work will be begun tomorrow on the Portland-Hillsboro-Tillamook line.

The Oregon Electric Company of which Charles M. Pratt of New York is president, has just finished an electric road to Salem and the announcement that this city is to be made the pivotal point of 283 miles additional of interurban roads is the most important made since the decision over two years ago of the Hill lines to parallel the line of the Harri-man system down the Columbia River. When completed the system of electric roads of this company terminating in Portland will exceed 330 miles.

NEW YORK, April 22.—Theatre relics of 30 years ago which were collected by the late Annie Pixley and her husband, with a quantity of the actress' personal effects and household goods are on exhibition in an auctioneer's windows. The goods have been ordered sold at auction by the storage concern to pay the charges.

DESPERATE ACCIDENT

Jetty Pile-Driver Falls Into the Ocean

TWO LIVES SACRIFICED

Other Men Badly Hurt, But All Will Recover—Miraculous Escape

MACHINE MAY BE RECOVERED

Prompt Assistance Sent Out From Fort Stevens—Tugs and Life-Savers do Fine Work—First Grave Accident in History.

The City of Astoria was shocked to its center yesterday morning when the sad word came up from the offices of the jetty, at Point Adams, telling of the dreadful accident that had befallen the pile-driving train and its crew, on its way to the day's work at the outer end of the big federal enterprise, by which two lives were sacrificed and a number of people badly injured.

The train pushing the huge pile-driver now in operation there, left the shore-plant at the usual hour of 8 o'clock, and fifteen minutes later it had plunged over the side and into the ocean, at "crossover No. 6," four miles to seaward; carrying down with it eleven men. How the accident occurred is not yet determinable, but it is presumed that the wheels, in passing from one track to the other rode out of the frog and before its tendency could be noted and stopped had reached the edge, the disaster following with awful rapidity. The boiler on the pile-driver was ready for service and as the plunge was made, this exploded with tremendous force, among the scrambling men who were instinctively seeking to jump and save themselves from the flying and falling timbers with which the train was loaded.

There were fourteen men on the outfit at the time and one or two by a miracle of agility, saved themselves from the fearful fall, and clug desperately to the trestling. The noise of the explosion of the boiler gave the general signal of the disaster to those at work at the outer end of the jetty and to the headquarter people ashore; and instantly every resource at the jetty-plant at Fort Stevens was in play and speeding to the front with all the devices for first aid; and at the same time word was sent to the tug Samson to proceed to the scene instant, and this it did, giving a swift tow to the Point Adams life saving crew just starting out. Every detail of the rescue work was carried on without a hitch or a moments delay of any sort, and to this expedition is due the minor measure of life sacrifice in the sad case.

In the over-throw of the great driver Jacob C. Lehman, of Hammond, was struck in the chest by one of the huge spiles and his life crushed out instantly, but his body was quickly recovered and was later taken to his stricken home at Hammond. Martin Carlson, also of Hammond, had his head badly cut and his right leg broken, but survived long enough to reach the post surgery at Fort Stevens, where everything possible was done to save him, by the surgeons in charge, but he succumbed later to what must have been internal injuries and died just about noon. He too left a family; one of his daughters, Miss Anna Carlson, being an accountant with the Troy Laundry in this

city, the proprietor of which establishment, Mr. Tait, placed an engine at Miss Carlson's disposal at once and hurried her to her Hammond home. Mr. Carlson was well known in this city and section where he had resided for many years, and his family shares the profound sympathy of the whole countryside, with the bereaved ones of Mr. Lehman's family, in the sudden and awful distress that has befallen them.

Others who went down in the wreck, happily escaped death, but receiving bodily injury, were: John C. Fullhard, left leg broken. Anders Hansen, right side crushed and back injured. That this was the limit of fatalities and injuries in so appalling a condition of affairs, is a literal marvel to every one who saw the dread occurrence, or is at all familiar with the conditions surrounding it. Coroner W. C. A. Pohl leaves down this morning to take what official steps may be necessary in the unhappy premises. The rumor afoot here last evening that Mr. Hansen was about to die from his injuries was denied over the wires at 8 o'clock p. m. by well-informed people at the post who said that he was rallying finely and would pull through successfully.

The accident occurred at the outer rim of the huge sand bar that has formed on the north side of the jetty and the derrick lies, apparently unbroken, and intact, upon the shallows at that point, having fallen

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OUTSIDE TALENT

Commissions Are Unpopular in Both Houses of Congress

VERY LITTLE ACCOMPLISHED

The Leaders Have Reached the Conclusion That Such Bodies Organized Shall be Composed Solely of Members of Congress.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—Congress is preparing to go on record against the policy of drafting legislation through commissions authorized for the purpose. Three propositions for the establishment of commissions for the present session and may have to be disposed of before adjournment.

The principal one of these commissions is that proposed to investigate tariff conditions and plan the revision that will take place next year. Another commission now in prospect that before the house in connection with financial legislation and a third has been suggested by the National Civic Federation. The last named would provide for a general review of legislation affecting capital and labor with the object of suggesting amendments to the Sherman anti-trust, after the manner provided by the Hepburn bill which was advocated by the President in a special message to Congress.

The leaders of the Senate and the House have been given the subject of the appointment of commissions considerable thought recently and have reached the conclusions that any such bodies organized shall be composed solely of members of Congress. So far as a currency commission is concerned the members seem to prefer one of ten members, five from each body. If a tariff commission is to be authorized which is not now thought possible, the number might be increased to 20 members equally divided between the two Houses. Congress leaders are almost unanimously opposed to any commission to suggest amendments to the Sherman anti-trust law.

It has been pointed out that commissions made up of outside talent are expensive. Usually the salaries authorized are much larger than

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INTERESTING DISCUSSION

Promised for Tomorrow in the Senate

NAVAL BILL WAS READ

Hale Will Propose an Amendment Appropriating Money to Begin Construction.

WARNER'S SPEECH STILL ON

Reverting to a Recent Speech Against Military Enlargement he Read Statements From the Secretary of War Disclaiming Increase.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—The Brownsville affair and the naval appropriation bill occupied practically the entire time of the Senate today and both subjects will again be under consideration tomorrow. Warner of Missouri continued his remarks on the discharge of the negro soldiers and quoted at considerable length from the testimony taken in that case. He did not conclude and his remarks will be continued tomorrow. The naval bill was read through with the exception of the sections relating to the battleships which will probably lead to an interesting discussion tomorrow. Hale announced that he would propose an amendment appropriating \$7,000,000 to begin the construction on the new battleships so that there might be no delay in that work and there is no doubt but that the amount will be appropriated. Warner reverting to a recent speech by Hale against military enlargement read the statements from the secretary of war and the chief of staff disclaiming any purpose of increasing the regular army.

BELT LINE.

CHICAGO, April 22.—That the United States Steel Corporation is in earnest in its reported plans for a railway to connect Milwaukee, Wis., to Gary, Ind., and Joliet, Ill., was made evident yesterday when a trust deed was executed to the St. Louis Trust Company at St. Louis for \$20,000,000 to provide funds for the road.

The plans grew out of the failure of the Milwaukee-Southern deal, which road was to connect Milwaukee and East St. Louis by way of Joliet and by acquisition of the Illinois, Iowa and Minnesota Railway. Of the money raised at St. Louis \$5,500,000 is to pay for the latter road which will form part of the new system.

It is understood the new steel corporation is working through St. Louis capitalists in securing the construction of the new road, which will connect the Allis Chalmers Company's plant and the Bay View Rolling Mills of the Illinois Steel Company at Milwaukee with the Steel Corporation's Gary Mills and the Joliet plant of the Illinois Steel Company.

The steel corporation has, it is understood, considerable interest in the Allis Chalmers Company which is working on a \$15,000,000 contract for the Gary mills.

There have been heavy transfers of land along the proposed right of way of the new road near Milwaukee recently and it is said that the preliminary work has all been done.

The new road will be a steel corporation belt line around Chicago, intersecting every railway entering this city.

SCHOOL FUND.

SALEM, Or., April 22.—The following, aggregating \$119,100, have been paid to the counties on account of apportionment to be made from the income of the common school fund by the State Treasurer: Baker, \$4000; Benton, \$2000; Clackamas, \$6000; Clatsop, \$3000; Columbia, \$2000; Coos, \$3500; Crook, \$1500; Curry, \$500; Douglas, \$4000; Gilliam, \$800; Grant, \$1400; Harney, \$750; Jackson, \$4500; Josephine, \$2000; Klamath, \$1300; Lake, \$750; Lane, \$6500; Lincoln, \$1000; Linn, \$5000; Malheur, \$1500; Marion, \$8000; Morrow, \$1300; Multnomah, \$28,000; Polk, \$3000; Sherman, \$900; Tillamook, \$1200; Umatilla, \$5000; Union, \$4000; Wallowa, \$2000; Wasco, \$4000; Washington, \$5000; Wheeler, \$700; Yamhill, \$4000. Total, \$119,100.

BASEBALL SCORES.

At Tacoma—Tacoma 5, Vancouver 0.
At San Francisco—Portland 4, Oakland 4. Game called in eighth inning on account of rain.
At Seattle—Seattle 8, Butte 4.

END IN SIGHT.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 22.—Rapid progress is being made with the Ford trial today the testimony being introduced is much the same as that offered in the preceding trial. At the present rate the case may go to the jury the latter part of next week.

THE LIABILITY BILL

Signed by the President and Becomes a Law

MEASURE IS CONSTITUTIONAL

Employe Not Assured to Have Assum the "Risk of His Employment" Where Any Statute Enacted for Safety of Employees.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—President Roosevelt today signed the employers' liability bill upon receiving an opinion from Attorney-General Bonaparte that the measure is constitutional. The bill makes railroads and other common carriers liable for an injury or the death of an employee in whole or in part from the negligence of any of its officers, agents or employees of such common carrier or by any defect or insufficiency in the equipment. The employee is not assumed, by the provisions of the bill, to have assumed the "risk of his employment" where any statute enacted for the safety of employees contributed to the injury or the death of an employee, and any contract, rule, regulation or device to enable the company to evade liability is rendered void by a specific declaration. The provision, however, is made that the carrier shall receive credit for any contribution made to him or his family in the form of insurance, relief, benefit or indemnity.

SALISBURG BEQUEST.

WORCESTER, Mass., April 22.—The Worcester Art Museum became one of the most richly endowed institutions of its kind in this country by the transfer to that corporation last night, under the terms of the will of the late Stephen Salisbury of property valued at \$2,738,000. This sum, added to the amount already possessed by the museum brings its total up to \$3,320,000 giving it a rank in point of wealth second only to the Carnegie Museum in Pittsburgh.

HARVARD WINS RACE.

ANNAPOLIS, April 22.—By less than half the length of their shell today, the naval academy lost to the Harvard eight-oared crew. Time: Harvard 10 minutes 30 seconds; navy, 10 minutes 32 seconds.